# Vanguard of Grittmen Coming Here This Week-Ingram Named Navy Coach

# COMING THIS WEEK

Harper, Henry, and Jamieson Due in Capital to Visit Their Friends.

PING BODIE NOW IN LINE

National League Adopts Military Plans Suggested by Captain Huston.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER. . The vanguard of the Griffmen is expected to make its appearance before

the week passes away. Harry Harper, the big southpay twirler, will come to town ahead of time to visit with his friends before hiking to Augusta,

John Henry, who will go South with the pitching squad, is due here Sunday. John will probably settle his contract troubles between then and

eailing time. Charlie Jamieson has made arrangements to accompany Harper to the Capital, as they do not live far apart.

### Would See Inauguration.

All of the Griffmen who can find an excuse will be here in time to see though the regulars will not leave the scores higher. for Augusta, Ga., until March 10. When President Wilson was inaugu-rated the first time practically every one of the players was here, witnessing the big parade before leaving for Charlottesville late that same day. Frank Pizzola has signed to play

with the Mackmen this season. contract was received by Connie Mack yesterday. Frank is better known as Ping Bodie, the "Italian banana merchant," a slugger of the old fashione

type.
Ping played on the Pacific coast hatting eye. Connie Mack bought him only to discover that Ping wanted more money than offered. Connie has finally agreed to pay him \$3,700 for his season's labors in the garden at Shibe Park.

#### Tener Supports Plan.

John K. Tener, president of the National League, comes forward in support of Captain Huston's plan to institute military drill among the players of the big leagues this spring.
"I think the players of the National League," says Tener, "should get a little drill, if only one session a day. "I believe nothing but the highest patriotism actuated Captain Huston in proposing his military plan. Should the country be in need, I feel confident that baseball will respond as quickly as any other business."

### Glanta Leave Fomorrow.

The first squad of Giants leave New York tomorrow for Marlin, Tex. They will consist mostly of young pitchers. Benny Kauff, though, has asked to be allowed to join the party and may be there when the train pulls out. A year ago Kauff, having read the papers about himself, held out till the last minute. This year things are different.

Three more Yankees have signed. They are Al Walters, the catcher; George Mogridge, the southpaw pitcher, and Hughey High, the midget outfielder. So far as known, every Yan-

### Only Two Are Left.

Vitt, the third baseman, have yet to players in the game.

Sobb is reported to be drawing

dent Navin. Burns had been reading of the decision of Hughey Jennings to use Harry Heliman at the initial Comp.

### TAKE TWO GAMES

#### Central Basketers Defeat Episcopal and Western Seconds.

second team by 37 to 15.

The half ended with the score 7 all in the big game. So close was the guarding that none of the players got nore than a hurried pot at the basket. Central forged ahead in the secondary until the secondary was 15 to With but three minutes to play Epis copal drew up almost on even terms. Free tosses netted the visitors three points, and a basket brought the score to 15. Central maintained the margin on White's free toss, although

Episcopal was grawling up toward the end of the battle. Western's seconds were no match for the Central players on the big None of the Westerners could cope with Wilson, a newcomer at Central, who played the pivot posi-

### HAWAII FOR RED SOX.

BOSTON, Feb. 22. The World's Champion Red Sox may train in Hon. he olulu next spring. President Frazee is now, considering plans offered by business men of the island cap-The Hawaiians are willing to pay all expenses in Honolulu and transportation from San Francisco

### EVERETT SCOTT SIGNS.

BOSTON, Feb. 22. - Everett Scott, the Red Sox shortsop, has signed for 1917, his contract arriving yester-

### WIN FRAT GAMES.

Phi defeated Alpha Beta, 28 to 12.

# PLAYERS' VANGUARD Technical Players Have Highest Scorer in Tabb

Manual Trainers Win High School League Navy Coach for Past Two Years Championship in First Start in Title Series on Floor-Records Are Compiled.

Tech, 35; Western, 16. Central, 36; Eastern, 20. Eastern, 34; Business, 13.

Business, 27; Central, 16.

The offensive and defensive strength

Points scored by teams and oppon

ents are shown in the first two col

umns of figures. Tech's last game cut down its offensive figures as Tail

Catlin and Biggs were in the game

Individual Scores

made during the twenty games:
Player-Team. G. Pl. G. P. T.
Tabb. Technical. 8 24 40
Daly. Central. 5 20 25
R. Wise, Business. 8 27 15
Thomas, Eastern. 7 12 25
Solomon, Central. 8 21 4
Johnstone, Western. 8 12 22
B. Wise, Business. 5 22

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of the five teams and the standing is

Tech. 23: Central, 16.

Tech, 25; Eastern, 19. Central, 33; Western, 6. Business, 17; Tech, 12.

as follows:

but a few minutes.

Team.

Basketball points compiled from the wenty-game High School League series show Roland Tabb, of Technical, as eading scorer in the games played at the Y. M. C. A. thig winter. Tech had by no means a one-man team, but Tabb went out in front at the start of the eason and compiled the best figures of all the fifty-odd players participating.

The real basket shooter of the series is R. Wise, of Business. Wise shot twenty-seven baskets in eight games, Wise shot out would probably have been beaten play through the final battle last Tuesday.

All scoring figures are lower this sea son than last. The size of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium is attributed to the ow averages compiled by the youngsters in the circuit. Tabb averaged but three baskets per game as agains eight per game scored by Lester Peine

Western, last year. None of the teams approximated the point totals of either Western or Army and Navy Prep of last year. On the whole, the teams were more even the inauguration parade on March 5. ly matched and another year may find Solomon, Central Johnstone, Western. B. Wise, Business. Catlin, Technical. Cummings, Eastern. Chamberlaine, Western. W. Herron, Western. W. Herron, Western. Long, Central. Long, Central. Cherider, Technical. De la Vergue, Technical dacDonald, Business. J. Herron, Western. Veint. Western.

#### Results of Games.

Scores of the twenty games played the series are as follows: Rusiness, 21: Western, 12, Eastern, 22; Central, 21. Tech, 33; Western, 20. Business, 23; Eastern, 17. Central, 33; Western, 20. Tech, 34; Central, 20. Central, 25; Business, 21. Tech, 16: Eastern, 9. Western, 16: Eastern, 10 Western, 24; Business, 18. Business, 23; Tech, 16.

**ALEXANDER LEAPS** 

INTO HIGH SALARY

# CHACONAS' TOTAL FIFTH ABOVE 420

Compromising With Phillies' President.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.-Grover Cleveland Alexander, after six years In the National League, has finally jumped into the class of ballplayers drawing huge salaries. He will begin this year to draw a salary proportionate with other great stars of the game after having pitched his team into one pennant and having tried

valiantly in two other seasons. He signed a contract yesterday calling for a salary, it is generally believed, of \$12,500. This is \$2,500 less than the sum he was holding out for and is \$2,500 more than he was "finally" offered by President Baker of the Phillies.

There are now five men in baseball Only two of the Detroit Tigers ve believed to be drawing larger salaries rolled. main to be signed and Frank Navin, than Alexander. Two of these, John the new A. C. B. A. game is productive of scores much above those formerly made with the other styles of parameters. Tw. Cohn. Tris. Speaker affairs, expects no trouble in get- managers. Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker ting them. Harry Covcleskie, the spd Eddie Collins are the others, veteran southpaw plicher, and Oscar They are admittedly the greatest

sign.

George Burns, first baseman, yester
day sent his signed papers to Presiday sent his signed papers to PresiCollins \$15,000. Walter Johnson, of

sack, if Burns failed to agree to with the records of other high salacied stars, it is reasonable to argue that Alexander should have received the raise he has been granted long ago.

### Won Title All Alone.

In 1915- Alexander won thirty-one Central got even with Episcopal games and just ten pitching his team High School in closing its basketball almost unaided into the championship season yesterday. The Episcopal lads of the National League. He missed were handed a 16 to 15 defeat, while duplicating this feat last fall by the Central's scrubs defeated Western's pitched two games in a single day last fall, winning both of them. He won the only world's series game credited to the Phillies over the Red Sox in the 1915 conflict

> for Fitchburg, Mass., together with Bill Killiefer, where they will both be the guests of l'at Moran, manager, on a short fishing trip. The famous for the South under will leave with the team on March 6.

### "PEP" WANTS MORE

Hornsby Asks \$6,000 Salary for

Signing With Cardinals. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 22.-Roger Horns by, known all over the National

League circuit as "Pep" Hornsby, is heldout. bill gets on the floor with reped of the statute played up as a "moral discovered it contained a \$3,000 ary. This was twice as much as he drew last year, but he decided im

mediately that it was not enough for the Cards' lone ,300 hitter. Taking pen in hand, "Pep" wrote a little note to Miller Huggins, asking that the St. Louis club come with \$6,000, and returned the official paper.

It is expected that Huggins and Hornsby will reach some sor compromise within a few days.

### KILL BOXING BILL.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 22.-Oppo nents of boxing have throttled the bill before the legislature here allow and Sigma trimmed Chi, 12 to 9, in ing ten round bouts. The lower td take it up again this session.

### armshaw, Eastern, Raedy, Business Players scoring less than 10 points during the season

and Krauss Other Sensational Bowlers.

When Nick Chaconas rolled a 423 set of duckpins with the Gandila in the Arcade League Tuesday night, he registered the fifth total of better than 420 in the history of the game

Those who have earned places in the bowlers' hall of fame through hav-ing achieved the phenomenal marks are Charley Wright. Glenn Wolsten-holme, Major Robb, Chaconas, and Harry Krauss. Their records are; Name-Team. Year. Record.

Wright Candila Wolstenholme, Eagles.... Robb, St. John's.... Chaconas, Gandils..... Krauss, Royals .....

Even Better Mark Expected.

It is believed that before the season

ends a set of more than 430 will be This is based on the fact that phernalia used in this city, and the performances of certain bowlers outside of league competition.

Rolla 447 Total,

Several pinspillers have made totals above 430 for three games in to 23. practice this season. Wolstenholme The first half ended 18 to 17 in favor rolled 447 in three consecutive strings of Seton. The latter was aided constituted to the National Capital design of Seton. practice this season. Wolstenholme rolled 447 in three consecutive strings of Seton. The latter was aided con at the National Capital during the siderably through an advantage in for more than 435 not long ago at the laudet, was the best player for the Royal. These are two instances, visitors. He shot four field goals an-

At some time one of these sensa performances is bound to crop out in out in league competition.

### AGAINST BOXING

Governor Whitman Seals Fate of Ring Game by Asking Action.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Governor Whitman sent word last night to Sen ator J. Henry Walters, chairman of the senate judiciary committee, this attitude upon the repeal of boxing law is unchanged. ernor is understood to have intimated strongly that he would like to see the Slater repeal bill reported on to the floor of the house from Senator Wal ters' committee.

This action by the governor is inter preted as scaling the fate of the bo ing game. The legislative leader have been frankly doubtful as to h ourse that should be pursued, but the nformal poll of both houses mad when the governor sent his forma message on the subject showed that the majority of the members would yield to his wishes, particularly if the

### LISTS FOURTEEN GAMES.

LEXINGTON, Va., Feb. 22. Vir. ginia Military Institute has fourteen games on its baseball schedulue for the coming season. The institutions the coming season. The institutions to be played are Virginia Christian College, Amherst College, William and Mary, Richmond College, Ran-dolph Macon, Syracuse University, dolph Macon, Syracuse University. Trinity College, Connecticut; Virginia Poly, Davidson, and Trinity, North Carolina, Virginia Christian will be played first on March 24 at Lexington: London.

### IN CUE CONTESTS.

Robert Baine won from Tom Dow ling, 100 to 93, and William Gris the Phi Mu Sigma Baskethull League house, lacking enough votes to kill defeated John Hogan, 100 to 87, in the men in charge of the Juarge race last night. Both games were interest, it altogether, has made it impossible Arbitrator pocket billiard tournament meet across the river, have suspend

### INGRAM APPOINTED FOOTBALL MENTOR

Gains Confidence of Academy.

Lieut. Jonas E. Ingram, head coach of the Navy football team for the these three clubs as wigners of the 1917 past two years, has been reappointed head coach of the Navy team for next fall, according to word received

here today. Although the Navy has failed to win in both years Ingrain has been at the head of the football team confidence has been placed in his methods in the appointment. It is believed at Annapolis that Ingram has succeeded in developing many first-class players.

Ingram was loath to accept the po sition, it is said, and went so far as to name several successors. The ath-letic board expressed satisfaction in the progress of the Navy teams under Ingram methods.

It is reported that as a number

of high class football players were developed last fall, especially in the fourth and third classes, Ingram will have an excellent chance next fall. Tom Fisher, former Eastern High School player of this city, is captain-elect of the Navy football team for next fall, and is the only first class man on the string retained.

### HOPKINS ELECTED TENNIS PRESIDENT

Washington Association Sets Plans for Coming Season's Competition.

James H. Hopkins, chairman of the tennis committee of Chevy Chase Club, was elected president, and Ezra Gould, Dumbarton Club, and L. I. Doyle, Departmental League, were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectivly, at a meting of the Wash

ington Tennis Association.
Chevy Chase, Columbia, and Dumbarton Clubs will take part in the Association team matches during in oming season, and the winner wo ompete with either the Suburban Departmental League representatives the latter to hold matches to determine the contestant to meet the association victor, for the championship.

Suburban and Departmental are as Signs Contract for \$12,500, Wright, Wolstenholme, Robb the three clubs mentioned active

#### To Play Baltimore.

A representative team of Baltimore will be played by the W. T. A. champion in an intercity title match. August 20 was settled as the time limit for clubs and leagues to com-plete their schedules, providing plenty of time to play the post-season ontests.

Association matches will be played on Saturdays, a tentative schedule apolls boxer to carry out his contract calling for the teams to meet each with Al McCoy at the Broadway other three times starting April 14 Sporting Club before March 1. Dillon continuing through August 18.

#### Ranking Committee Names. The secretary and two others to be

drawn from the clubs holding active Approval of the Borland Gallinger daylight conservation bill before Con-gress was voiced at the inceting.

### **GALLAUDET LOSES**

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 22. Gallaudet made Seton Hall step lively in the first half of a basketball con test here last night, but fell before the superior strength of the locals in the final section and was beaten 49

Ray Wenger, left forward for Gal-

nine free tosses.

### PLAYS FINAL HOME GAME

G. W. U. Meets Sensational Tennessee Quint Saturday

George Washington will clash with the University of Tennessee basket-ball team in the Y. M. C. A. gym Saturday night in its final home game of the season. The Tennessee play-ers have won eight straight games and should prove an attraction here. Preliminary to the contest the Washington Girls will take on the Baltimore Eastern High alumni girls' quint, starting at 7:15. varsity game will begin at 8:45.

### DROP CHIEF BENDER.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22. Albert ('hief) Bender has been released un conditionally by the Phillies. Ben-der, long star with the Athletics, is expected to assume the management of a minor league club.

### POOL IS CLOSED.

Competition has been called off for the Central swimming teams until further notice. Tuesday meets will be resumed as soon as Coach Bruncan get the pool for use been too cold for use in the past few days.

### WILL ROW MAY 19.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 22.-Yale and ornell will meet on the new two-mile ourse at Derby on May 10. ton has declined to make it a triang ular race. This will be the first ap pearance of Cornell in Connecticul ed both Harvard and Yale at New

# LOSE TOO MUCH MONEY

El. PASO, Feb. 22. Finding that hey had aiready lost \$60,000, horse-

### BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON-SPORTING MATTERS

nounce "another thrilling race in the American League" for 1917. As far back as memory runneth, Ban has made this announcement annually. However, this year he may be right.

From all accounts, the Red Sox are going to have strenuous opposition from Detroit, Chicago and New York, to say no more. It is possible to pick pienty of fans who will bank on any one of

flag.
One fan in St. Louis has said that the Browns would come in one-two-three. So far, though, nobody has picked on the Griffmen or the Indians for premier honors, and so either may for premier nonors, and so either may fool the mob and cop. If the Mackmen are blessed with capable pitching, which they sadly lacked last season, they may tighten up the race so badly that a toss of a

coin will decide the ulti Perhaps Ban was right, after all. Baltimore writers are rushing to the assistance of Joe England, handicapper for the South Atlantic A. A. U. They

should save their ammunition. It may

Kid Williams made a failure of his Rid Williams made a failure of his six-round bout in Philadelphia with Eddie O'Keefe. To wise men at the ringside, the former bantam champion lacked his old aggressiveness and hitting abilities. O'Keefe, a light hitter, had no trouble reaching Williams' Jaw. Therefore it is wise to conclude that some round hitter, is round to the conclude that some round hitter, is round to the conclude that some good hitter is going to send the Baltimorean into oblivion in the near future. Who will it be?

Why women take such a keen in game any more than any other paslime where exertion of the arm in propeling an object is the principal men.

Of course, the Washington A. C. Of course, the Washington A. C. Of the bowling establishments in this will be unable to develop athletes in the bowling establishments in this will be unable to develop athletes in the bowling athletes in the bowling establishments in this work of putting the Capital

It is so good of Ban Johnson to an-the average male pinspiller. "Why do you roll? was asked one feminine roller at the Grand Central, and the reply was—candid, too—"To reduce." Another said—"For my health, it's good exercise," and still another gave as a reason that it was "a lot of fun. So if you do not know why women take an interest in the man's game ask em. That's what we did.

> Ora Morningstar and Koji Yamada are still waiting word from Willie Hoppe. They have accepted his chal-lenge for a match for a side bet of \$1,000, Hoppe to make 5,000 points to their 4,000. Now Hoppe comes forward with a suggestion that first he meet each of his opponents and then engage in a triangular match with them. Instead of the side bet being \$1,000 on all three matches, he wants such an amount wagered on each Which is something different again. Hoppe's friends believe he will have no trouble winning from Morningstar and Yamada, but they cannot understand the champion's backwardness.

Manager Griffith hits the right not n his discussion of the opportunities facing the newly organized Washington A. C. when he says that it will make athletes out of Washington's youngsters." If the club will start in on that tack, and then go through with it, Washington may If the club will take a high rank yet in the athletic

The new club has within its own ranks a most capable coach for ath-letic teams in Dr. Robert Eller, former Georgetown and Irish American A. C. star. Dwelling within a few miles of the city is a former assistant to Mike Murphy, the great Yale and Pennsylvania trainer, a man who has been identified with athletes for fif-teen years, Mike Martin, mayor of

city have about a third as many a minute, but if earnest effort is women knocking 'em down as men. into the work of putting the Capi Some of them have become as skilled as in front, success is sure to follow.

### LES DARGY CANNOT FACE JACK DILLON

to Carry Out Agreement With Al McCoy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.-Just when Les Darcy, the Australian slacker, is to show his wares in the metropolis remains as much of a mystery today as ever. All hopes of his meeting Jack Dillon in Madison Square Garden on March 5 have been killed by the mandate of the boxing commis-sion, which has ordered the Indian is now in New Orleans, and it is im

possible for him to come here in shape to meet JcCoy.

McCoy has been ordered to meet
Dillon before tackling the Australian. membership in the association will and the latter has been ordered to meet McCoy before facing Darcy. meet McCoy before facing Darcy. Darcy seems the only boxer left out in the cold.

Boxing enthusiasts here believe that neither McCoy nor Dillon will make a good opponent for Darcy, if the latter is as good as his press agents have said. It is possible that Beaten by Seton Hall Basketballers, the State before the Australian gets

#### a chance to appear in New York. HOLLENBACK LOSES

Players Revolt and Syracuse Foot-

ball Coach Goes. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 22 .- "Big Syracuse University football team for

nine Syracuse football men

The football men told the chancellor that they were greatly displeased with Hollenback, Meehan stated to-day, saying further that he was incapable as a field mentor and that his tactics and field plays were not

The athletic governing board will receive Chancellor Day's request on

### FORDHAM BEGINS

Coach Gargan Calls Out Baseball Candidates for Work.

ed yesterday afternoon, when a squad of thirty candidates of thirty candidates answered Coach Gargan's first call for candidates. Marty McHale, former Yankee hurl er, has been appointed battery coach, and was on hand to look over the pitching material. McQuade, Collins. Kiernan, and Martin were out for mound assignment, while McGin mound assignment, while McGinn. Murphy, and Sweetland did the receiv

### CISSELL RETURNS.

Howard Cissell, Central's basketball captain, who has been in Georgetown since Christmas, attended Cissell received an ovation from the Central students. He is captain the tennis team, but will hardly the tennis team, but will hardly be able to take part in matches this year.

#### FEW ATHLETES TO GO. Few scholastic athletes will take

part in the Johns Hopkins Fifth Regiment meet to be held in Baltimbre on Saturday. Central and Tech will probably send a few entries for the various events. The George Washing ten meet, to be held here March 2, will find many schoolboys competing in the result of too much training, an the fifty, quarter and half-mile has been removed to a sanatorium the

# **OLD CHAMPION OUT** IN FRONT IN SHOW

Indianapolis Boxer Is Ordered Abbey King Nobbler, After Three Years' Absence, Leads All Airedales.

> NEW YORK, Feb. 22. Sometimer they "come back." Champion Abbey King Nobbler not only came back the second day of the bench show of the Westminster Kennel Club at the Madison Square Garden yesterday, but may be dubbed the Jess Willard of Airedale terriers, as he was judged the best of his breed. Abbey King Nobblee will be six years old next May. He was imported to fhis country as a nuppy, and for two years carried everything before him. Alex H. Stewart retired him three years ago, and ere long a son, Young King Nobbler, took his place in a measure and gave high promise by winning at the Mineoia abow last

### year.

bone and wonderful spirit which made the funciers forget the one-time idol. Among these was Briergate Rex Persaltum, which not only won at this show a year ago, but later at Detroit and Southampton, was declared the

Rex Persaltum was actually un-placed yesterday in the remarkable class which passed in review before the critical eyes of William L. Barclay, when Abbey King Nobbler returned

to his proud place at the top. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 22.—"Big Bill" Hollenback, former Penn star. Airedales in the open class were today was discharged as coach of the Champion York Reyburn Swell beaten only once before up to yesterday; M. S. Baldwin's Normanton Tipit, a The dismissal of Hollenback follows delivery of an ultimatium yesterday to Chancellor James Roscoe tional puppy, which was imported to this country a year ago at a cost of \$2,000 in the order named.

### Many Are Unplaced.

As said before, Rex Persaltum was unplaced, as was Young King Nobbler and other good ones. Terrier fanciers did not hesitate to pronounce the class the feature of the show and the class the feature of the show and the best ever brought together under one roof. Airedales, ever popular, are conatantly growing in favor. They are natural fighters, and somehow or other everybody loves a fighter when the cause

Abbey King Nobbler shows no signs of age. Usually at six years the coat begins to show gray in spots, but his saddle is still jet black, which showed NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Baseball is not a giant in size, and not so big practice at Fordham University start. a dog of remarkable bone and substance, with what may be called a perfect head and the much desired gun-barrel front. He stands as straight on his toes as the most captious critic could ask, and al-

together is true to type.

In wandering about the huge kennel, for such the Garden is, one was impressed with a feeling that this Airedale will be a leading candidate for the most coveted of all prizes tomorrow, when a congress of judges will pass on all breeds to pick the best in the show,

#### OVERTON SHOWS SPEED. HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 22 -- By an

amazing burst of reserve speed in the last two laps, Johnny Overton, the Yale star, won the mile run here last night in the sixteenth annual indoor meet, held under the auspices of the naval militis. Overtou's time was 4:20 15 on the ten-lap, unbanked track. The former record was 4:24. Reed, of Yale, was second, and Hutch-inson, of Harvard, third. Four thousand persons watched the games.

### WOLGAST BREAKS DOWN

CHICAGO, Feb. 22 Ad Wolgant former world's lightweight champion-has suffered a physical breakdown. the result of too much training, and

## SISLER SHOULD BE STAR THIS SEASON

## Experience Ought to Make Him One of the League's Best

By JOE VILA.

Drawing Cards.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.-When Fielder Jones, manager of the St. Louis Browns, was in town last week he expressed the opinion that George Sisler was the best first baseman in the American League. Jones also declared that Sisier was in the same class with Tyrus Raymond Cobb, and that at the end of the coming season the Browns' first sacker would have a batting average that would com-pare favorably with the record of both Cobb and Tris Speaker.

Slaier played 140 games at first base last year. He made twenty-four base last year. He made twenty-four neiding errors and his perceptage was 285. He was excelled in this respect by Pipp, of the Yankees; Gandil, of the Clevelands; McInnis, of the Ath-letics, Hobilizell of Gainer of the Red Sox; Judge, of the Washingtons, and Heilman of the Tinger.

#### and Heilman, of the Tigers, Led All in Batting.

Sisler, however, led all the Amercan League first basemen in batting and base running. He hung up a batting average of .305 and stole thirtyfour bags. Sisler's fielding at times was sensational. In fact, Jones said the other day that he frequently saw Sisler make plays that Hai Chase

could not have excelled.

Sisler, a left handed batsman, pounded the best pitchers in the Johnson circuit and displayed so much natural skill with his war club that Jones predicted last fall that the former University of Michigan star would be one of the greatest hitters in baseball history.

In baseball history.

Sisler played eighty-one games in 1915 and his hatting average was 286. Inasmuch as he batted 305 last season, Jones believes that he will continue to improve until he is ratedon a par with Speaker and Cobb. whose 1916 percentages were 386 and 371. respectively. of the regulars who played in a majority of the games Speaker, Cobb, Jackson, Strunk, Eddie Collins, Gardner, and Veach were the only ones who topped Sisler in the batting aver-

ages.

Can Play Anywhere Jones' contention that Sisler's value to the Browns equals that of Cobb and Speaker of the Tigers and Clevelands, respectively, is based on the fact that the St. Louis star, can play

every position on the field except be Sisler is a first class left handed pitcher. In fact, Jones had an idea of using him regularly in the box last spring, until he discovered that Borton, an experimental baseman, was weak at the bat. Sisler has covered second, third and short, acceptably, and also has done splendid work in the outfield, but his best position is at the first corner and he

will be stationed there permanently.

Best Youngaver In Sight. It is freely admitted that Sisler a the greatest player that has been developed in the American League since Cobb, Speaker, Eddie Collins and other high salaried men wos their spurs. Yet the Browns' star does not receive a \$15,000 salary. He accepted an offer of \$5,500, it is said, when he signed with the Browns and turned his back on the Pirates who had a moral claim on his services. had a moral claim on his services. Sister's rapid improvement has resulted in several raises so that this year his salary will reach \$8,500, if best of any breed or sex in exhibition not more. He will be a powerful against him.

on the ros road during the approaching Pipp Should Advance. Walter Pipp, of the Yankees, is another young first baseman who is expected to make rapid strides this

Pipp's batting average was .262 in

Fear.

148 games last season, but he led the American League in home runs with twelve, also cracking the ballor twenty-two baggers and fourteen triples. Pipp's only weakness with the stick was displayed when he faced left-handed pitchers. Frequently Donovan, on those occasions, supplemented Pipp with a pinch hitter. But it is confidently believed that if Pipp is

#### permitted to play in every game, barradually get the hang of southpaw

I doubt if any other American League player can hit the ball hard-er than Pipp. He is liable to break up any ball game with a great drive for extra bases. gained in 1916, therefore, would seem to indicate a much better record with the bat. Hill Donovan said yesterday the bat. Bill Donovan said yesterday that, in his opinion, Pipp would get into the 300 class beyond a question

Pipp played brilliantly at first last season. He covered much ground and took care of all kinds of wide He handled batted balls with alacrity, and his throwing was well-nigh perfect. Yet Pipp, in Donovan's opinion, will cover the bag with great-

er skill in the future. Gandil May Lose Out.

Gandil was the best fielding first baseman in the American League in 916, but his batting average was only For that reason he may be suceeded by Guisto, a hard-hitter from

he campaign with an average of .259, standing second to Sisler Surns, of the Tigers, batted .286 and ied Sister in the fielding percentages. Hoblitzell and Gainer, Sox, splendld fielders, batted .259 and

Sox, spiendid fielders, batted 239 and 253, respectively, but they did some timely hitting.

Judge, of the Washingtons, wound up with 226, for which reason Griffith will try to supplant him with lioward Shaple.

### ALUMNI WIN GAME.

W. O'Lone and Schmidt were the tars of a basketball game in which Conzaga Alumni defeated the Gon saga regular team, 30 to 19.